

REMARKS

Claims 25-33 are now pending in the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request further consideration of these claims, in view of the amendments set forth above and the following remarks.

Amended Claims

Claim 25-28 and 30 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors and other errors of a minor nature that do not change the scope of the claims.

No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

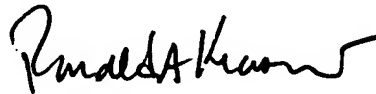
Applicants are resubmitting prior art from the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicants on June 14, 2004 which were not previously considered by the Examiner. Consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested, in particular, in view of the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no further fees are required in connection with the instant amendment. If necessary, however, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

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